



El Paso International Airport
**International Trade
Processing Center**

Foreign Trade Zone No. 68
U.S. Customs and Border Protection



El Paso's Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 68 offers your company superior access to world markets. The zone is strategically located in North America's third largest manufacturing region with its sister city of Cd. Juarez, Mexico across the border.

- **Interstate I-10, I-25** connects East and West coasts to Mexico and Canada via the Pan American Highway.
- **Rail** service is provided by **Union Pacific** and **Burlington Northern** with intermodal yards and rail spurs in major industrial corridors.
- **El Paso International Airport (EPIA)** provides excellent air cargo service offering 300,000 square feet of cargo space, 35 acres of aircraft parking, and two runways: a 12,000 foot ILS equipped runway with dual taxiways, and a 9,000 foot runway.

El Paso's FTZ Grantee provides the only FTZ operations training seminar in the region.

El Paso's zone has over 3,400 acres of designated land in five general-purpose sites representing almost 70% of industrial parks in the region.

The **International Trade Processing Center (ITPC)** is the home to the FTZ administrative office. The ITPC serves as the one stop shop for import/export processing, and also houses US Customs & Border Protection personnel that handles air cargo, FTZ, bonded warehouse, and in bond documentation.



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MAJOR FTZ BENEFITS

Defer Customs Duties and Federal Excise Tax: On imports, Customs duties and taxes can be delayed until merchandise is transferred into US customs territory. Importers can store goods in an FTZ indefinitely without paying duty.

Reductions of Duties: By electing a zone status that Users apply to the lower duty rate for foreign inputs or finished goods, duties can be reduced.

Eliminate Duties and Quota Charges: In an FTZ, Customs duties and quota charges are not paid on merchandise exported.

Avoid Customs Fines and Seizures: Merchandise can be admitted into an FTZ without marking, visa or quota documentation, while bringing their products or documentation into compliance with customs regulations.

No Duty on Waste: Products that arrive damaged can be returned, stored in the FTZ or destroyed without having to pay duty or taxes.

Improve Cash Flow and Profitability: Through special Customs procedures such as Weekly Entry and Weekly Exports, companies can save on transaction fees and expedite shipments out of an FTZ,

Reduce MPF Charges: By using the Weekly entry the FTZ provides a cap on the amount of Merchandise Processing Fee an importer may have to pay while streamlining the entry process.

Avoid Taxes: No state and local ad valorem taxes apply to foreign merchandise in an FTZ. IRS and government excise taxes are charged only when they are entered into the U.S. Commerce.

Zone-to-Zone Transfer: An increasing number of firms are making use of the ability to transfer merchandise from one zone to another. Because the merchandise is transported in-bond, duty may be deferred until the product is removed from the final zone for entry into the U.S. Customs and Border Protection territory.



Manufacturing Business Incentive (MBI)

*Are you looking to expand your markets?
Need to save time and money getting your
manufacturing project started?*

The MBI helps manufacturing companies expand their markets & compete on a global scale through the use of El Paso's Foreign-Trade Zone. The objective is to help business grow by reducing start up cost and speeding up the approval process for a manufacturing business to set up in FTZ No. 68.

Start-up Incentives:

- Grantee application fee is waived.
- Grantee activation fee is waived.
- Grantee annual fee and transactions fees, if applicable, are waived for first year.
- Receive start up support from FTZ No. 68 Grantee/Operator. FTZ Operations Training fees are also waived for up to four (4) key employees.

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